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2003 Mississippi Winter Wheat Production Down 32 Percent From 2002

Mississippi Winter Wheat production totaled 6.13 million bushels in 2003, down 32 percent from last year. There were 125,000 acres harvested for grain, down 39 percent from last year. Producers harvested 49 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from 2002. Winter Wheat production in the United States is estimated at 1.71 billion bushels, up 49 percent from 2002. Acreage for grain is estimated at 36.5 million acres, up 23 percent from last year. The U.S. winter wheat yield is 46.7 bushels per acre, up 8.2 bushels from last year.

Winter Wheat Acreage, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2002 - 2003

State	Planted ¹		Harvested for Grain		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Acres				Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Alabama	150	150	60	75	40.0	42.0	2,400	3,150
Arkansas	960	700	840	570	46.0	50.0	38,640	28,500
Colorado	2,350	2,600	1,650	2,200	22.0	35.0	36,300	77,000
Georgia	350	380	200	230	41.0	46.0	8,200	10,580
Illinois	680	850	650	810	49.0	65.0	31,850	52,650
Kansas	9,600	10,400	8,100	10,000	33.0	48.0	267,300	480,000
Kentucky	550	480	340	330	53.0	62.0	18,020	20,460
Louisiana	230	155	220	140	40.0	41.0	8,800	5,740
Maryland	195	165	180	145	66.0	37.0	11,880	5,365
Michigan	500	680	490	660	67.0	68.0	32,830	44,880
Mississippi	250	150	205	125	44.0	49.0	9,020	6,125
Missouri	900	960	760	870	45.0	61.0	34,200	53,070
North Carolina	650	530	480	410	42.0	36.0	20,160	14,760
Oklahoma	6,100	6,600	3,600	4,600	28.0	39.0	100,800	179,400
South Dakota	1,300	1,600	625	1,380	29.0	43.0	18,125	59,340
Tennessee	470	430	300	270	46.0	50.0	13,800	13,500
Texas	6,400	6,600	2,700	3,450	29.0	28.0	78,300	96,600
Virginia	230	210	170	160	63.0	46.0	10,710	7,360
United States	41,845	44,945	29,751	36,541	38.5	46.7	1,145,602	1,707,069

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Wheat: Production Distribution by Class and State, 2002 - 2003

State	Winter						Other Spring (excluding Durum)			
	Hard Red		Soft Red		White		Hard Red		White	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Percent					Percent				
Alabama			100	100						
Arizona	100	100								
Arkansas			100	100						
California	95	92			5	8				
Colorado	100	95				5	84	84	16	16
Delaware			100	100						
Florida			100	100						
Georgia			100	100						
Idaho	13	17			87	83	46	54	54	46
Illinois	2	2	98	98						
Indiana			100	100						
Iowa	60	60	40	40						
Kansas	99	95			1	5				
Kentucky	4	4	96	96						
Louisiana	4	4	96	96						
Maryland			100	100						
Michigan	3	3	53	53	44	44				
Minnesota	100	100					100	100		
Mississippi			100	100						
Missouri	3	4	97	96						
Montana	97	97			3	3	99	99	1	1
Nebraska	100	98				2				
Nevada					100	100	15	10	85	90
New Jersey			100	100						
New Mexico	100	100								
New York	2	2	13	16	85	82				
North Carolina			100	100						
North Dakota	100	100					100	100		
Ohio			100	100						
Oklahoma	99	99	1	1						
Oregon	1	2			99	98	25	30	75	70
Pennsylvania			100	100						
South Carolina			100	100						
South Dakota	100	100					100	100		
Tennessee			100	100						
Texas	92	92	8	8						
Utah	75	75			25	25	60	60	40	40
Virginia			100	100						
Washington	5	6			95	94	35	37	65	63
West Virginia			100	100						
Wisconsin			96	96	4	4	100	100		
Wyoming	100	100					99	99	1	1

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to
September 15, by Crop, State, and United States, Crop Years 2000 - 2003**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2000	2001	2002	2003
All Cotton				
Alabama ¹	12,200		3,150	
Arizona	25,300	16,850	12,300	14,650
Arkansas ¹	26,400	26,250	3,150	
California ¹		1,700		
Florida ¹				
Georgia ¹	3,700	1,650	21,150	
Louisiana	122,700	4,550	18,650	30,700
Mississippi	125,700	16,900	45,650	54,250
Missouri ¹	5,200	6,800		0
New Mexico ¹		0	0	0
North Carolina	0	0	100	0
Oklahoma ¹		0	0	0
South Carolina ¹	700		200	0
Tennessee ¹	22,250	6,400		0
Texas	1,108,000	720,000	790,900	855,450
Virginia	0	0	0	0
United States	1,453,850	801,700	898,000	958,400

¹ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

**September 2003 Stocks of Grain in All Positions, With 2002 Comparisons,
Mississippi and United States**

Crop	September 1, 2002			September 1, 2003		
	Stocks On Farms	Stocks in Off Farm Positions ¹	Total Stocks All Positions	Stocks On Farms	Stocks in Off Farm Positions ¹	Total Stocks All Positions
1,000 Bushels						
Mississippi						
Wheat, All	*	*	*	*	660	*
Corn	*	668	*	*	754	*
Sorghum	*	*	*	*	*	*
Soybeans	*	595	*	*	*	*
United States						
Wheat, All	580,200	1,170,787	1,750,987	689,970	1,345,635	2,035,605
Corn	586,800	1,009,626	1,596,426	484,900	600,869	1,085,769
Sorghum	7,400	53,573	60,973	4,500	38,049	42,549
Soybeans	62,700	145,320	208,020	58,000	111,431	169,431

* "Off farms unallocated" includes State data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations; "On farms; unallocated" includes minor producing States' data not published separately.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

United States Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, August 2002 - 2003

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,733	3,510	1.32	1.33	191	212
Fillets ¹	5,442	6,013	2.54	2.48	477	398
Other ²	1,569	1,366	1.50	1.58	134	96
Total Fresh	10,744	10,889	1.96	2.00	802	706
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,285	1,399	1.84	1.82	767	1,066
Fillets ¹	11,436	10,597	2.40	2.39	5,873	6,665
Other ²	4,496	4,742	1.48	1.36	2,146	3,180
Total Frozen	17,217	16,738	2.12	2.05	8,786	10,911
Total Fresh & Frozen	27,961	27,627	2.06	2.03	9,588	11,617

¹ Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

² Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excluding any breaded products.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2002 - 2003

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers ¹		Imports of Catfish ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
January	52,551	55,523	52,551	55,523	.549	.529	1,037	1,322
February	52,856	55,461	105,407	110,984	.555	.544	1,048	260
March	58,340	65,007	163,747	175,991	.565	.585	414	332
April	50,694	57,105	214,441	233,096	.561	.630	618	272
May	52,902	58,424	267,343	291,520	.574	.618	1,491	703
June	49,450	52,441	316,793	343,961	.588	.586	982	893
July	52,363	54,089	369,156	398,050	.590	.564	957	438
August	54,383	54,153	423,539	452,203	.582	.552	632	
September	53,366		476,905		.576		670	
October	56,576		533,481		.568		572	
November	50,072		583,553		.560		874	
December	47,048		630,601		.544		906	

¹ Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price excludes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators: by Region and United States, September 1, 2002 - 2003

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	11,502	11,885	103	4,942	5,317	108
East North Central	7,636	8,324	109	6,911	7,318	106
West North Central	20,428	21,510	105	7,164	7,255	101
South Atlantic	235,389	230,681	98	4,558	2,469	54
South Central	334,834	337,782	101	5,040	4,941	98
West	23,238	21,954	94	4,564	4,491	98
United States	633,027	632,136	100	33,179	31,791	96

Layers and Eggs Production, by Selected States and United States, August 2002 - 2003

State	All Layers on Hand ¹		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000			Million Eggs		
Alabama	10,023	9,727	48	49	141	136
Arkansas	14,396	14,824	97	101	183	183
Florida	10,508	10,812	215	231	13	10
Georgia	20,005	20,230	230	252	178	173
Mississippi	6,900	6,823	42	41	97	92
North Carolina	11,001	10,500	81	83	131	126
Oklahoma	4,206	4,081	47	44	34	33
South Carolina	5,359	5,225	95	99	18	19
Virginia	2,881	3,022	29	26	29	33
United States	336,159	332,003	6,263	6,238	1,093	1,069

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, August 2002 - 2003

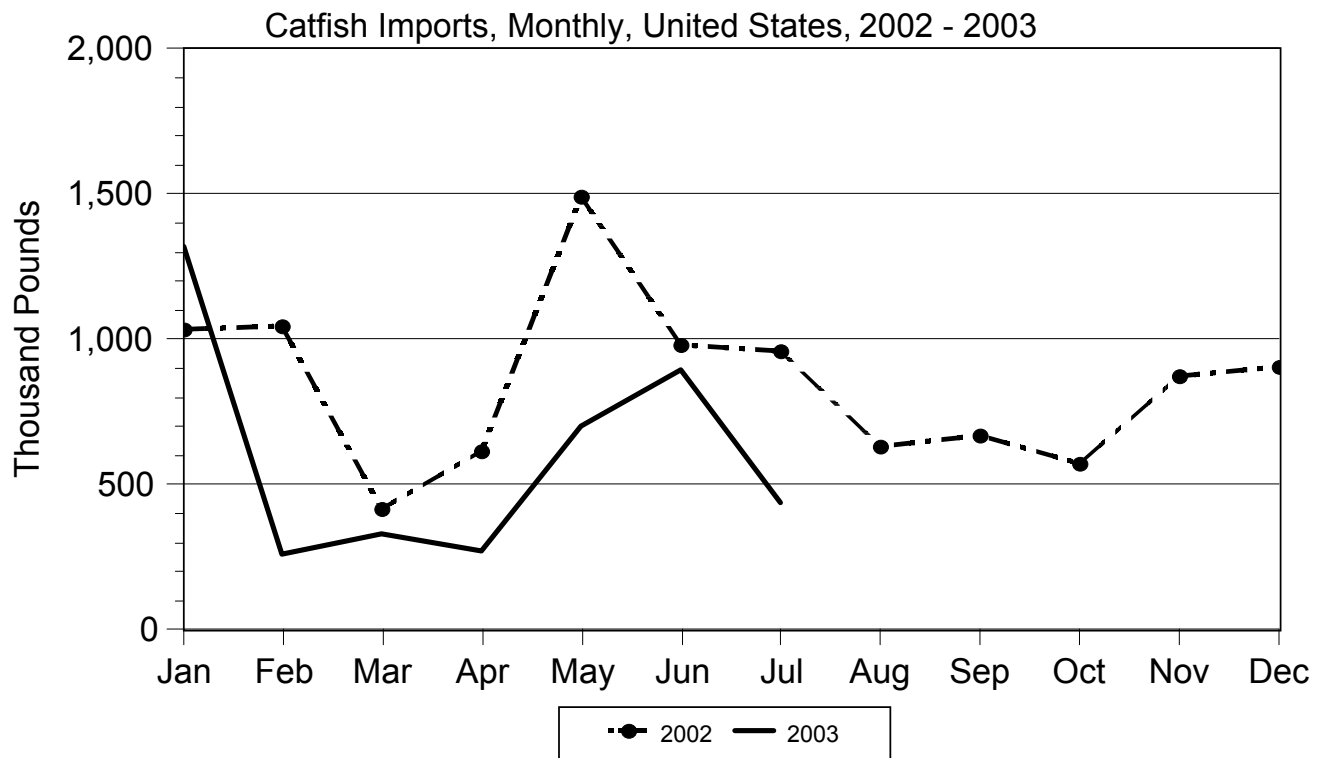
State	August			January-August		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	108,485	107,855	99	846,365	824,861	97
Arkansas	109,920	112,574	102	874,047	878,481	101
Florida	8,273	4,944	60	67,250	42,760	64
Georgia	115,797	119,670	103	908,340	914,901	101
Kentucky	24,552	25,387	103	189,592	192,417	101
Mississippi	70,527	71,917	102	551,536	559,524	101
North Carolina	67,441	64,522	96	544,139	527,543	97
Texas	53,967	53,621	99	442,713	427,156	96
United States	780,020	783,175	100	6,174,113	6,117,445	99

Commercial Red Meat Production: By State and United States
August 2003 with Comparisons ¹

State	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	August 03 as % of ²	
				August 2002	July 2003
Million Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	4.5	3.2	3.2	71	101
Arkansas	5.7	5.5	4.5	78	81
Florida	5.9	5.6	5.3	90	95
Georgia	22.6	23.1	20.3	90	88
Kentucky	37.5	36.6	36.8	98	101
Louisiana	1.4	1.1	1.2	91	114
Mississippi	25.4	24.5	24.8	98	101
Missouri	34.4	35.4	34.0	99	96
North Carolina	171.2	170.9	164.2	96	96
Oklahoma	82.3	79.7	77.2	94	97
South Carolina	21.3	19.2	19.4	91	101
Tennessee	20.3	21.1	18.4	91	87
Texas	461.1	469.1	448.4	97	96
United States	4,139.6	4,046.1	3,912.9	95	97

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.



**Soybeans: Farm Marketings, Percent of Sales, by Month
and Selected States, 2001-2002 and 2002 - 2003 ¹**

State and Marketing Year	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Percent													
AR 2002-2003		6	18	29	16	17	6	2	2	1			3
2001-2002		8	23	23	12	20	4	4	2	1	1	1	1
KY 2002-2003		1	18	25	8	23	8	5	6	2	1	2	1
2001-2002		2	14	15	6	29	10	11	6	3	1	2	1
LA 2002-2003	7	17	26	22	11	8	5	1	1	1		1	
2001-2002	9	11	34	19	6	11	2	3	1	1	2	1	
MS 2002-2003	5	17	14	12	9	20	7	2	3	2	1	8	
2001-2002	7	10	23	8	7	22	4	6	2	2	3	6	
MO 2002-2003		2	22	15	9	17	8	7	7	4	3	4	2
2001-2002		3	23	16	8	16	8	9	4	4	3	3	3
NC 2002-2003		2	4	20	28	11	9	5	6	10	2	2	1
2001-2002		1	18	32	12	10	5	7	5	4	2	3	1
TN 2002-2003		5	21	30	12	17	5	3	3	1	1	1	1
2001-2002		10	40	17	5	12	4	3	2	1	1	3	2
US 2002-2003		5.8	21.1	10.3	9.3	14.4	8.3	6.6	7.5	4.7	3.8	4.6	3.6
2001-2002		4.5	21.9	10.9	8.3	16.0	6.6	9.1	5.4	4.2	4.1	5.0	4.0

¹ Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as a percent of total used for calculating marketing year average prices.

**Soybeans: Marketing Year Average Prices Received, by States
and United States, 2001 and 2002**

State	2001	2002	State	2001	2002
Alabama	4.60	5.55	Nebraska	4.19	5.43
Arkansas	4.37	5.65	New Jersey	4.15	5.40
Delaware	4.25	5.70	New York	4.55	5.85
Florida	4.20	5.35	North Carolina	4.29	5.63
Georgia	4.35	5.45	North Dakota	4.05	5.32
Illinois	4.55	5.66	Ohio	4.46	5.59
Indianapolis	4.42	5.55	Oklahoma	4.30	5.50
Iowa	4.35	5.54	Pennsylvania	4.26	5.90
Kansas	4.16	5.49	South Carolina	4.45	5.60
Kentucky	4.47	5.74	South Dakota	4.13	5.33
Louisiana	4.39	5.52	Tennessee	4.46	5.70
Maryland	4.20	5.70	Texas	4.60	5.10
Michigan	4.47	5.62	Virginia	4.30	5.54
Minnesota	4.32	5.42	West Virginia	4.33	5.64
Mississippi	4.39	5.52	Wisconsin	4.31	5.35
Missouri	4.32	5.54	United States	4.38	5.53

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, September 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	September 2002 Entire Month		August 2003 Entire		September 2003 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	2.47	---	2.15	---	2.13
Cotton, Upland	lb	¹	.352	.444	.463	.468	.485
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	4.30	---	3.93	---	3.83
Soybeans	bu	5.60	5.39	5.73	5.68	6.06	6.04
Winter Wheat	bu	---	4.15	---	3.28	---	3.25
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	3.94	---	5.27	---	5.46
All Milk	cwt	---	11.60	---	13.20	---	14.00
Fluid	cwt	---	11.60	---	13.20	---	14.00
Manufacturing	cwt	---	10.40	---	13.20	---	13.70
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	64.50	---	79.90	---	84.00
Cows	cwt	---	34.90	---	44.60	---	46.00
Calves	cwt	---	92.40	---	107.00	---	106.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	67.80	---	83.50	---	88.20
All Hogs	cwt	---	26.50	---	39.50	---	39.20
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	27.10	---	39.90	---	39.70
Sows	cwt	---	15.10	---	32.60	---	30.10
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.290	---	.360	---	.360
Market Eggs	doz	.400 ²	.392 ²	.670 ²	.669 ²	.660	.634

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.² Mid-month prices.